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1. The applicant is hereby notified that amendments to the claims under Article 19 were received by the International Bureau on:

23 February 2005 (23.02.2005)

2. This date is within the time limit under Rule 46.1.

Consequently, the international publication of the international application will contain the amended claims according to Rule 48.2(f), (h) and (i).

3. The applicant is reminded that the international application (description, claims and drawings) may be amended during the international preliminary examination under Chapter II, according to Article 34, and in any case, before each of the designated Offices, according to Article 28 and Rule 52, or before each of the elected Offices, according to Article 41 and Rule 78.

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New patent claims

1. A pipe joint, in particular for an exhaust-gas system of an internal combustion engine, having a first pipe part (1) and a second pipe part (2), a fastening means (3) and a sealing element (4) which has a sleeve (5) and a sealing ring (6), characterized in that the sleeve (5) has a plurality of spaced-apart widened circumferential regions (8) at its first end (7) and can be pushed into the first pipe part (1) such that the widened circumferential regions (8) engage behind a circumferential constriction (11) of the first pipe part (1) in a resilient manner.
2. The pipe joint as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the widened circumferential regions (8) of the sleeve (5) is designed to project in the manner of teeth.
3. The pipe joint as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the sleeve (5) has a conically tapered portion (10) at its second end (9).
4. The pipe joint as claimed in one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the sealing ring (6) encloses the sleeve (5) in an annular manner and is connected to the sleeve (5) in a form-fitting manner.
5. The pipe joint as claimed in one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that the sealing ring (6) is designed in a cross-sectionally frustoconical manner with a rectilinear starting region, the radially outer region having a smaller width than the radially inner region.

6. The pipe joint as claimed in one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that the sealing ring (6) is made of a graphite-filled knitted wire fabric.
7. The pipe joint as claimed in one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that the first pipe part (1) and the second pipe part (2) each have a funnel-like widened portion (12; 13) at their connecting end.
8. The pipe joint as claimed in one of claims 1 to 7, characterized in that the fastening means (3) is designed as a clamp which is open at at least one location and has cross-sectionally oblique flanks and a radially projecting closure part.